



# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

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**You're Invited!**  
to our  
**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
**Weds 15th Nov**

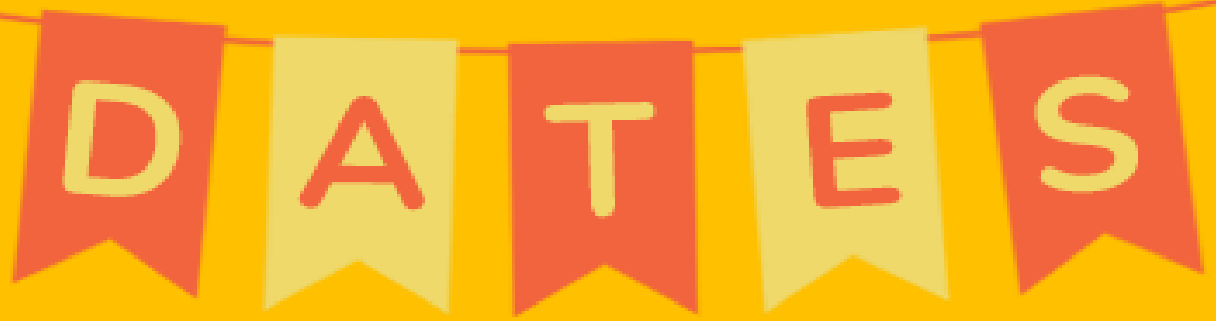
**BOOK  
TICKETS  
HERE**

## WHY CHOOSE OUR SIXTH FORM?

- 29 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING A LEVEL, T LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL.
- A DEDICATED TEAM OF SIXTH FORM STAFF TO PROVIDE ON HAND SUPPORT TO ALL STUDENTS.
- A VARIED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDING VOLUNTARY WORK, DoFE AND SPORT AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
- A UNIQUE PROGRAMME OF INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE INCLUDING WORK EXPERIENCE.



**STAY IN TOUCH!**



**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**6.00pm – 8.30PM**

**Get tickets**

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**Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK  
1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

**Y12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK  
8<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**



**BISHOP CHALLONER UPCOMING EVENTS**



# Pathway to Bath

Free online curriculum enrichment for  
Year 12 students

Develop your skills by completing a project on a topic that you enjoy, and join us on campus for a summer residential

Applications open 11 October 2023  
and close 31 January 2024

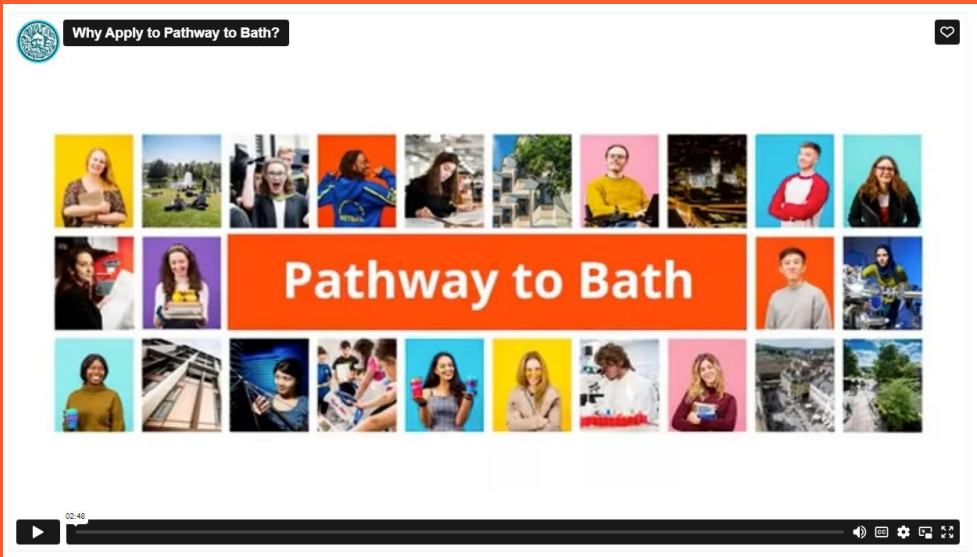


Find out more and apply now:

[www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme](http://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme)



The University of Bath runs Pathway to Bath, a free blended learning programme that gives students the chance to work online alongside experienced staff and current students, to develop key skills for university study and beyond. They will also be given the opportunity to apply for a place on a free 3-day residential visit to campus in the summer, to experience life as a student at Bath.





# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Access to Birmingham

The Access to Birmingham (A2B) programme helps University of Birmingham applicants with little or no higher education experience to explore what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2000 and are proud to be able to offer you the support of our A2B scheme if you are studying at one of our partner institutions.

## Apply to A2B

Applications for the 2023/24 A2B scheme are open until 15 February 2024. Completing the programme will bring you a range of benefits including an alternative offer and funding. We encourage you to explore our programme information and eligibility and consider applying.

**APPLY NOW**

### Benefits of taking part in the programme

Once you complete A2B successfully, you will receive two offers from the University of Birmingham, the standard offer and a [Pathways to Birmingham offer](#).

The Pathways to Birmingham offer is typically a reduction of up to two A level grades (e.g. BBB rather than AAB).

As well as the Pathways to Birmingham offer, you will also benefit from:

- Financial support
- Continued support and guidance from an experienced and dedicated A2B team
- Preparation for the transition from school to university study
- The opportunity to make new friends at a special induction event before you start university
- Becoming a Birmingham Scholar upon starting university
- Practice interviews for courses where relevant (Medicine, Dentistry, Social Work, Nursing, and Physiotherapy)

**EXPLORE THE BENEFITS**



# Insight into University Residential



Insight into University Residential Experience (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/S5-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

## Courses running in summer 2024

Maths at Lancaster  
Mechanical Engineering at UCL  
Materials Science at Oxford  
Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield  
Materials Science at Cambridge  
Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool  
Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton

Additional courses coming soon!

Find out more and apply on our website  
[here](https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university).

## What our students say

*"A wonderful experience which a few years ago I wouldn't have dreamed of going on. The staff were so supportive and everything was fascinating. Thank you all so much for this chance, it was something I'll remember and reap the benefits of for the rest of my life!"*

*"I greatly enjoyed it. This course has given me the opportunity to demystify university life for myself and also interact with those just as enthusiastic as myself. It was a great chance to experience life independent of my family for the first time. I now know how university life will be, and so I feel more comfortable pursuing it."*



## Statistics from 2023

99%

of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

96%

of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.

## Follow us on social media



Visit our website

[www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university](https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university)

# Careers in Writing

**Saturday 25th November 2023  
12.30pm in central Birmingham.**



**With opportunities to ask questions and meet other writers your age (14–24), Careers in Writing will help you find out:**

- **How to go from writing for fun to writing as a career**
- **What other jobs you could do which still use your writing skills and passion**
- **More about working in the publishing industry**

**You can also book for a limited number of individual advice sessions to directly discuss anything you'd like to know about in more depth with a member of the team.**

**Sign up to our mailing list for more details:  
[sparkwriters.org](https://sparkwriters.org).**

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# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

## Post-16 programmes and activities

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### [Access to Birmingham](#)

Access to Birmingham (A2B) supports applicants to the University of Birmingham to discover what studying at university involves.



### [Routes to the Professions](#)

Routes to Professions (R2P) is for Year 12 students looking to get practical insight into university study.



### [Inspired@Birmingham](#)

The Inspired@Birmingham programme supports Year 12 students who are interested in applying to research-intensive universities.



### [Academic Enrichment Programme](#)

The Academic Enrichment Programme (AEP) is a five-day residential summer school for Year 12 students.



### [National Access Summer School](#)

The National Access Summer School (NASS) is a four-day residential programme for Year 12 students outside the West Midlands.



### [Realising Opportunities](#)

With Realising Opportunities, leading universities are working together to widen participation, improve access and promote social mobility.



# GRESHAM

## COLLEGE



Are you looking for resources that complement and yet go beyond the school curriculum? Expert sources to help you stand out from the crowd at sixth form and university interview?

Gresham lectures are a great resource for both teachers and students because they provide stretch, challenge and support for the GCSE, A Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

As a student, attending Gresham lectures in person or watching online can deepen your knowledge and develop new ideas, concepts and perspectives that can be used and referenced in exams, coursework (including EPQs), and at university interviews,

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**



# Aston University Open Days

Friday 7 July  
Saturday 30 September  
Saturday 18 November  
Birmingham

- Meet lecturers at subject-specific talks
- Ask questions about your course
- Talk to our current students about life as an Aston University student
- Take a campus tour
- Speak to our admissions and finance teams and more.



**COLLEGE & SIXTH  
FORM OPEN DAYS**

**BIRMINGHAM  
CAREERS SERVICE**  
guiding young people

YOUR CHOICE  
YOUR FUTURE

# LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

# 2024

CLICK ON THE LINK  
BELOW TO ACCESS  
INFORMATION ON  
UPCOMING OPEN  
DAYS.

**FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION  
AND DATES HERE**

## OPEN DAYS



### Next open days...

**Saturday 07 October 2023**

College open day >  
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Book now](#)

**Saturday 14 October 2023**

Undergraduate open day >  
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Book now](#)

**Saturday 18 November 2023**

College open day >  
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Register your interest](#)

**Saturday 25 November 2023**

Undergraduate open day >  
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Register your interest](#)



## Why choose University College Birmingham?

From our **award-winning student support services** to our collaborative culture that helps us nurture proud, ambitious and high achieving students. Together with our hands-on, practical approach in the classroom – which mirrors what you will find in the workplace and gives you a great head start for life after your studies. We have a truly unique offering for our students, here at University College Birmingham.





**WHAT  
UNI?**

# University? We can help.

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.

**SEARCH**



[Open day top tips: what to do  
\(and what not to do\)](#)



# opendays.com

## university + college open days

**Opendays.com is a web site providing students with university and college open day information.**

**The most comprehensive open days web site in the UK.**

**Easily accessible listings of all university and college open days throughout the UK.**

### DETAILS PROVIDED

Open day dates, booking information, travel details, monthly calendars and mini prospectuses for over 300 universities and colleges in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### EASY TO USE

It is easy to find the information you seek either through a comprehensive search facility or browsing the open day calendar.

### ONLINE BOOKING

You can also save details of open days/institutions that interest you and use our 'Online Booking System' to book your place at an open day!

### ADVICE SECTION

Higher Education opportunities, What To Do At Open Days, UCAS Forms and Gap Years.

Remember our website [opendays.com](http://opendays.com) and tell your friends about the service.





# Let open days open your mind to what a university or college has to offer...

UCAS

1

## Plan your day

Decide in advance which talks you want to go to so you don't miss the topics you're interested in.

2

## Make notes

There's a lot to take in so it'll help when you come to comparing different universities and colleges afterwards.

3

## Get talking!

No one knows a university better than its students, so take the opportunity to talk to them during campus tours and accommodation visits.

4

## Ask questions (lots of them!)

Make a list of what you want to know before you set off and check you've got all the answers before heading home.

5

## Keep in touch

Take an email address for someone you can contact after your visit in case you think of more questions you'd like to ask.

For open day dates go to

[www.ucas.com/open-days-dates](http://www.ucas.com/open-days-dates)







NOT GOING TO UNI

NGTU is the #1 website for school and college leavers. Search thousands of jobs, opportunities and apprenticeships in UK and find your perfect fit!

**READY TO START YOUR FUTURE CAREER?**  
**CREATE A PROFILE [HERE](#)**



**Check out our blogs!**





## **T LEVEL UPDATE - WEBINAR**

Following Government announcements regarding T Levels and A Levels this month, join us on our next T Level information webinar on **Monday 27th November** at **3.30pm** to find out more about what's next and how you can support your students with up to date information. Click [here](#) to register.

# UniTasterDays

How can UniTasterDays help  
with your university decisions?



UniTasterDays is a directory of university events for school groups and individual students.



SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS,  
BROWSE ON DEMAND WEBINARS,  
ACCESS RESOURCES AND MUCH MORE

**FIND OUT  
MORE HERE**





# ONLINE COURSES



[Coursera](#) is probably one of the best-known online learning sites. It is partnered with universities around the world, including Imperial College London and Stanford.

It also partners with companies including Google and IBM to offer expertise in specific areas - for example, machine learning.



[Harvard University](#) offer a small selection of free online courses. They're a little niche but interesting enough to have a look at.



[Open Learn](#) courses are FREE for anyone aged 13 and over. There are around 1000 courses to choose from and once you have completed the course you will receive a statement of participation.



[Gresham College](#) offer access to a huge variety of free online lectures.



## Dive in and start learning

Everything on the multi-award winning OpenLearn is free to everyone!

Search over 1000 free courses, interactives, videos and more ...



Get inspired and learn something new today

You can use OpenLearn to



### Study free courses

From 1 to 100 hours of learning - discover hundreds of free courses to inspire and inform everyone.

[Free courses >](#)



### Earn while you learn

Earn a free digital badge or Statement of Participation as evidence of your learning to share with employers, friends and family.

[Find out more >](#)



### For Study

Improve your study skills and get acquainted with student life with our expertly created courses and resources.

[For Study >](#)



### For Work

Boost your employability skills and find useful resources to help you with your life outside of work.

[For Work >](#)

Pick a subject and start learning

[Money & Business >](#)

[Education & Development >](#)

[Health, Sports & Psychology >](#)

[History & The Arts >](#)

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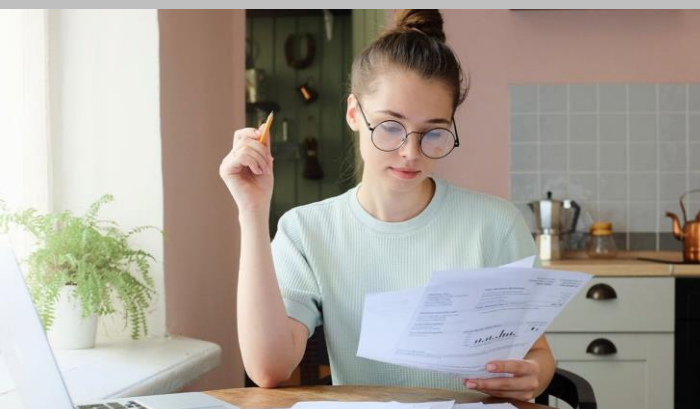


BIRMINGHAM CITY  
University

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES VIRTUAL HUB

We have created a range of resources for you to help you explore the world of Higher Education. From videos to how to guides, there's something for everyone and you can use these resources to support you with your choices about your future. These resources will help you from the beginning of your journey, when you are just starting to think about university through to preparing yourself for the move. These can be done at home individually and you can share them with your teachers and advisers.

Our aim is to provide you with a range of useful information and activities to help you with making decisions about your future.







# THE SMART KID

ARE YOU A GSCE, A-LEVEL, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR RECENT GRADUATE?

## ACCESS TO THE BEST ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES IN UK IS HERE...

You are just a click away from UK's best work experience, courses, scholarships, insight days, apprenticeships and internships

[SEE LATEST OPPORTUNITIES](#)

### BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK STUDENTS

If you are seeking the best enrichment opportunities for students in UK, you are in the right place.

This page is updated at least once a week with the latest and best jobs and extra-curricular opportunities for students and recent graduates. Keep checking back here, you never know what you may find.

**FIND OUT  
MORE HERE**



**VACANCIES**

# HIGHER & DEGREE LISTING

**Higher and Degree Vacancy  
Listing for 2023/24 Recruitment**



Created October 2023

Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://apprenticeships.gov.uk)

The new Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing was launched this week, featuring over 250+ live vacancies from 50+ employers across England. To download the listing and share with your students, click [here](#).

THINKING OF DEVELOPING YOUR  
TENNIS COACHING SKILLS?

OUR FEMALE ONLY COACH CENTRAL LEVEL  
1 LTA ASSISTANT QUALIFICATION WILL  
PROVIDE YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND  
SKILLS NEEDED AT

**BILLESLEY INDOOR TENNIS CENTRE**  
**WHEELERS LANE, BIRMINGHAM**

**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**  
**SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY**

FOR MORE INFO  
OR TO BOOK ON  
PLEASE SCAN THE  
QR CODE



# COACH CENTRAL ASSISTANT 1



# THE CAREERS DOWNLOAD

National Careers Week

**NCW**

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## A BRAND-NEW FILM TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

**This month, the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the British Army, is celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships!**

To mark this special occasion, we went along to the Army Foundation College (AFC) in Harrogate and met some incredible Junior Soldiers to find out what life is like at the college and the opportunities available.

**WATCH THE FILM NOW**

AFC Harrogate supports 16 and 17 year olds in learning military skills, fitness and education (including English and Maths) so they're ready for an apprenticeship and successful career in whichever part of the Army suits them best - all whilst earning a good wage and making friends for life.



## **Employment Opportunities**

Check out the latest opportunities with leading Employer's across the UK, from school leaver roles to Apprenticeships. [Contact our Student Support team](#) for help with your apprenticeship applications!

## **Degree Apprenticeships Apprenticeships Work Experience**





## Find a career you'll love

Want to get a head start in life? Click 'Get Started' to find out which types of careers are most likely to suit you, or scroll down to discover amazing work experience, inspirational talks, and other great resources.

[GET STARTED](#)

## How can we help you?

We believe every young person should have the **opportunity to succeed** and reach their potential, including you. If you attend a UK state secondary school or college, click on the tiles below to explore our latest work experience opportunities or browse our library of inspirational talks.



### Upcoming Broadcasts

See what's new and next in our series of inspirational talks

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Work Experience

Get world-class work experience with top companies

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Inspirational Talks Library

Listen to great talks from high-achieving professionals

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Who benefits? You do!

We know it can be hard to get ahead or even imagine yourself in certain careers. By giving you the chance to explore what's out there and decide for yourself what suits you best, we can help you take control of your own future.

- Learn about a wider range of career options
- Get in front of big-name businesses wherever you live
- Boost your skills and confidence
- Get evidence for your CV or personal statement
- Find careers that really suit you
- Get free support to help you reach your potential

**REGISTER HERE**



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Find the right path for you

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**Results Day Support**

**What careers link to Geography, Art and PE?**

**Celebs who went to Uni**

**What work experience do you need?**

**How to choose a bank account as a student?**

**Lesson plans and resources for teachers & MORE!**

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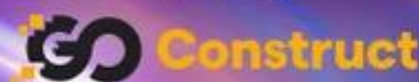


FOR PARENTS,  
CARERS & GUARDIANS

**Flick through and discover:**

5 questions to help your child to  
think about their next steps  
Work Experience  
In demand jobs  
Apprenticeships: A Go to Guide  
Preparing for your child to leave for uni  
Spotting the signs of bullying  
T Levels  
& Much more!

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**SECTOR SPOTLIGHTS**

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**Careermag for Parents,  
Carers & Guardians**  
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## Welcome to Success at School!

Success at School is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice. Get career smart and [Register today!](#)



### Career Zones

Explore different careers, how to get there and what to study



### Employers

Find out about top employers, what it's like to work for them and what they have to offer you



### Universities

Explore life on campus and get updates on the latest courses, events and open days

### News

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#### Covid-19: Sponsored Gatsby Subject Guides Free...

To help you prepare for the start of National Career Week on 1st March, we're giving you free access to our sponsored Gatsby...

#### A quarter of survey respondents say their school...

GCSEs and A-levels were cancelled this year due to Covid-19 and replaced with Centre Assessment Grades, with schools and...

### Advice

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#### Supporting your child through their GCSEs

Is your child sitting their GCSEs this summer? Wondering what you can do...



#### Why do an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are increasingly becoming a popular option for young people...



#### How to become a train driver

Train drivers do an important job, helping us travel around and get to where...

### Forums

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#### maxillofacial surgeon

Hi, Did my question go through?

#### What should i do for my GCSE's?

Hi. I was just wondering which GCSE subjects i should pursue for the job of maxillofacial surgeon, (I would prefer to become...

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# Careers in Music .com

APPRENTICESHIPS

★ Start Here

What are you most interested in?

SINGING	SONGWRITING
MUSIC PRODUCTION	THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT	OTHER



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# National Careers Service

Helping you take  
the next step

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# Find an apprenticeship

APPRENTICESHIPS



## Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in  
England.

You can apply for  
apprenticeships  
in [Scotland](#), [Northern  
Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

[SEARCH](#)

# Browse apprenticeships before you apply



HM Government

Use this search to browse which apprenticeships are available based on your interest and location.

Select an interest

Enter your postcode

SEARCH

**BECOME AN APPRENTICE  
CREATE AN ACCOUNT HERE**

**'Find an apprenticeship' is an online government service which allows you to search, save and apply for apprenticeship opportunities.**

The service is used by thousands of employers to advertise their current apprenticeship opportunities, making it easier for you to find the right apprenticeship for you.